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THE WORLD AT LARGE

EDWARD ELMORE BROCK'S COMMENTS ON THE TOPICS AND

Doings of the Day From His Point of View—About a Few Personal Odds and Ends Just Between Me and My Readers.

"Which way the subject theme may gang,
Let time or chance determine;
Perhaps it may turn out a song,
Or probably a sermon."

There is so much of a personal nature that the writer of these comments wishes to say to you dear reader, that for this week he has laid aside his usual budget of matter, but then they'll keep even if the weather is somewhat warm and the ice man has not begun his season's rounds. I want to bring you and I and the rest of us into a closer feeling of fellowship that will eventually elevate us into a higher sphere of life. It will certainly be a personal pleasure to the writer if he can do his small share in bringing this about; and so in this and future little side talks it will be his one earthly hope to have his readers join him in an effort to form a little band among ourselves here in this corner, striving to make each and everyone of our lives and those that surround us happier.

What if some of your personal efforts in whose cause you have labored all the years in an endeavor to fan the spark into a flame have not eventually brought success. Do not drop by the wayside and give up all future hope; for while the past has not been of the rosiest nor crowned with the glories of success; yet what of the future? You can never be too vain or egotistical in the hope, and while hoping to endeavor to make a new effort overshadow past failures. You will, it is true, have many obstacles to surmount, but still there will be but one way to reach the goal to which you may aspire—honesty of purpose and never ceasing toil. For sayeth the poet Schiller—

'In to-day already walks to-morrow."

A day gone and nothing accomplished is a day lost forever. If you are not up doing to-day what answer can you give when youth has taken his flight and the "golden age and silver threads" have quietly stolen in upon you? Will you be able to say that your life has not been productive of a failure?

Hope, work, fight on, my friends, and you shall stand
One of the foremost of a noble band,
Stand visibly in the smile of heaven and shed
Light from within you, where so'er you tread.

Constantly live with this theory ever before you, for the good seed will surely find lodgment some day.

What if some of your nearest and dearest (?) friends, when they find that you are getting on in the world a wee bit better than they are, throw stones in your pathway, or try to humiliate you in the eye-sight of the world? These attacks will not hurt you, as the old adage went when you and I were boys and girls. I know you have'nt forgot it—I haven't.

"Sticks and stones will break our bones,
But words can never hurt us"
And too, the re-action is bound to come,
And will show conclusively that—
"The good are better made by ill,
As odors crushed are sweeter still."

The writer is very well acquainted with some people who have never been known to do an uninteresting thing, who could not write an interesting letter that would be worthy of publication in a newspaper, and yet they are considered, or at least look upon themselves as being my superior in the literary and social swim—as it were. There names are upon the rostrum of the literary societies, although they have never been known to write an essay, deliver a declamation or even make an impromptu address.

But then they are kept floating on this wave called literary society, why? First, because they like to see their names given prominence in the list of Board of Managers, and—well secondly, the literary union is satisfied to have it thus because it means in return a five dollar bill every year. That's only one side of society's bunco game. But are they better than you and I because they are carried on this aimless—resultless wave? Indeed no; for you and I may be pegging away in the even tenor of our quiet unostentations existence, and yet accomplished more good for the future welfare of our race than what either these social, upish numskulls, or the famous literary organizations to which their names are attached for the sum of five dollars.

The above paragraph reminds me too, that writers are not infallible. Do not become enamored or enraptured with a writer simply because he or she writes the most chaste thoughts or constructs the most beautiful sentences. They do not in all cases, as you'll find practice what they preach. How often have you not listened to the most eloquent and the most feeling sermon from a minister of the gospel that was afterward held up to public scorn and ridicule? Ministers are not always infallible, neither are writers. I am forcibly reminded at this very moment of a writer of this type who does not reside a hundred miles from the city of New York, who is carried upon the wings of society because of suposedly intellectual proclivities, but is a writer intellectual who plagarizes, who invites numbers of young people to bring essays of their own composition to read before her fireside, and then plagarizes matter from them for what should be original work? Are writers an example for their readers who lead double lives? We may enjoy their words of wisdom, their beautiful poems and their charming stories, but we cannot be blind to their short comings, or at least we should not be.

I wonder why it is that the majority of our good looking boys and girls, whose parents and grand-parents are dyed in the wool Baptist's and Methodists, just as soon as they get a little "edication" and are just allowed to poke their noses an inch into the "swell set" quit the church of their foreparents and attach themselves to the high Episcopal church? Is it because the religion of their fore-parents is just a little too sincere and warm, or is it simply to be reckoned in society's swim? And too, why is it that our mulatto young men and ladies when in company with some 'white trash' as they come face to face with their colored good-enough-before-friends always finds something attractive to look at on the other side of the street just at that moment? Now I am not saying this disparagingly to the mulatto compexioned, for I am of the "yaller" clan myself, and I have only thrown the flash-lights on this folly because the 'white trash' don't like a Negro no how be he black, brown or yellow, and because—

"Right is right, to follow right
Were wisdom in the scorn of consequence."

While the re-action is bound to come our own peerless, poetic genius the immortal Phillis Wheatley gave us something for remembrance when she wrote, that—

"Some view our sable race with scornful eye,
The color is a diabolic dye.
Remember, Christians, Negroes as black as Cain
May be refined, and join the angelic train."

May your future be ever joyous and filled with happy, happy contentment, and that you and I and The Freeman will grow into a still wider, yet closer acquaintance,

"Grant us, Heaven, our earnest prayer—
Whether life or ease or care
Be the one to us assign,
That each coming day may find
Loving thoughts and gentle words
Twined within our bosom's chords,
And that age may but impart
Riper freshness to our hearts."

Is the sincerest wish of your friend
EDWARD ELMORE BROCK.

Clarksville News Notes.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

News has been received here in this city announcing the marriage of Miss Lidie Parrish to Mr. Charles Andress at St. Louis, Mo. Miss Parrish is a Clarksville girl. The revival has closed at Mt. Oliver Baptist church. Rev. A. B. Wimberl baptized sixteen converts Sunday May the 2nd, at 2 o'clock p. m. Miss Daisy Milam has returned home after a long visit in West Tennessee. Willie Moore arrived in the city last week from Louisville. Edward Moore is on the sick list. The members of St. John Baptist church gave an entertainment May 6-7 for the church. A large number of people witnessed the concert at Fifth Ward Baptist church May 5th. Mr. Steel died at his home on First street May 3rd. Hon. G. W. Hill will go to Nashville next week. Mr. Hill is a reader of The Freeman. He says it is the greatest paper of the race. Henry Weed died at his home on Ninth street May 5th, age 14 years. R. Metcalf jr., is on the sick list. Miss Bettie Harris of Kennedy, Ky., is visiting in the city. Lonnie H. Hill will make a business trip to Nashville next week. A number of our people visited St. Bethlehem last Sunday. Our school will close the last of May.

Thanksgiving Services.

Yazoo City, Miss., Special.

Thanksgiving services was high day in the city. The Odd Fellows had their annual Thanksgiving sermon preached by the Grand Master, Bro. McCusky, and he delivered a fine sermon. All present seemed well pleased. His lecture on Monday night to the different lodges was very profitable and entertaining. Bro. Johnson pastor of the Baptist church had a big baptizing. Miss L. C. Williams entertained us with another of her very fine lectures, "The Needs of the People," on Thursday evening at the A. M. E. church, which was indeed a treat. Miss Williams also lectured at Benton on Wednesday evening, the church of which Rev. Crump is pastor, and it is said by those who were present that it was the best that was heard from a woman, irrespective of color. I wish to correct the statement concerning the enrollment of the school of which Prof. J. A. Martin is principal. He has an enrollment of 485. The school is in a fine condition and Prof. Martin is loved and respected by all. The missionary services at the M. E. church on last Sunday night was a success, the music was fine. Mrs. S A. Cowan presided at the organ, and the papers by Mr. J. B. Redmon and Mr. M. T. Dean, did much credit to the gentlemen and honor to the occasion. The dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Scott in honor of the grand master was all that taste could wish and was enjoyed to the fullest extent. He was also highly entertained by Miss L. E. Kent. Miss E. J. Burrus is doing much credit to herself as teacher in the graded school. Her ability to instruct and discipline is that of one of years and experience. The Yazoo Reading Circle discussed the "New Woman" at their last meeting. Mrs. R. L. Johnson was wide awake on the subject.

Lynching of Six Negroes.

Houston, Tex., Special.

The Post correspondent in writing up the lynching of the six Negroes at Sunnyside April 29 said that the mob was composed principally of Negroes. The statement is untrue. The fact is, Negroes cannot be found brave enough to take prisoners from the sheriff in Waller county. It was believed that the Thomas boys killed a white man that was killed by unknown parties not long ago. The reason why the white people are trying to make it appear that Negroes had a hand in the lynching, is because they regret to see such a black record written against Waller county. The colored people had nothing to do with the lynching. We were recently informed that The Freeman was often found on the waste pile in large numbers in the post office, so we investigated. We did not find The Freeman, but found other colored papers. Robt. Edwards of Buckner street who paid for six months, fails to get his paper. Any one else failing to get their paper should address us at 915 San Felippe street. The Houston Academy is doing splendid work. Its sole faculty is composed of J. H Garnett, A. M., D. D., Mrs. Ida L. Garnett, Miss M. K. Clark and Prof. W. H. Wilson. Prof. Wilson will travel in the interest of the academy at the closing.

Personal Mention.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Burt Boyd and Mrs. Amanda King were baptized in St. Joy River last Sunday by Rev. J. K. Hart of the A. M. E. church. Sunday school and church was well attended. Rev. James Galloway has returned from the South where he has been for six months preaching. William Scott has gone to Niles to work for T. J. Jones in the barber business. Rev. John Revels of Ft. Wayne visited Rev. G. D, Smith and wife. Miss Cora Durham left for her home in Ft. Wayne Friday, at which time she was sick. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, 201 Jackson street, a fine boy. Mother and son doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will move five miles in the country this week.

Colored Odd Fellows.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.

A large gathering of OddFellows and Daughters of Ruth met at Allen Chapel to hear the annual sermon by Rev. Dr. J. H. Manley, pastor of Big Zion church, Sunday May 2nd. The sermons at 3 and 7:30 p. m. by this divine, were good indeed. It is said by those who know that Rev. Manley preached two of the most interesting sermons that it has ever been the pleasure of the order to hear. His sermons are attractive from start to finish, coupled with beautiful singing at the close. Rev. Manley is quite prominent is his denomination, and is favorably spoken of as being elevated to the bishopric in his church 4 years hence. The congregation of Big Zion of this city is very proud of him and say that he has accomplished a great work. Since he has been the pastor the church is packed every Sabbath night to hear him preach.

CHEATHAM TO BE RECORDER

THE PRESIDENT READY TO MAKE COLORED APPOINTMENTS.

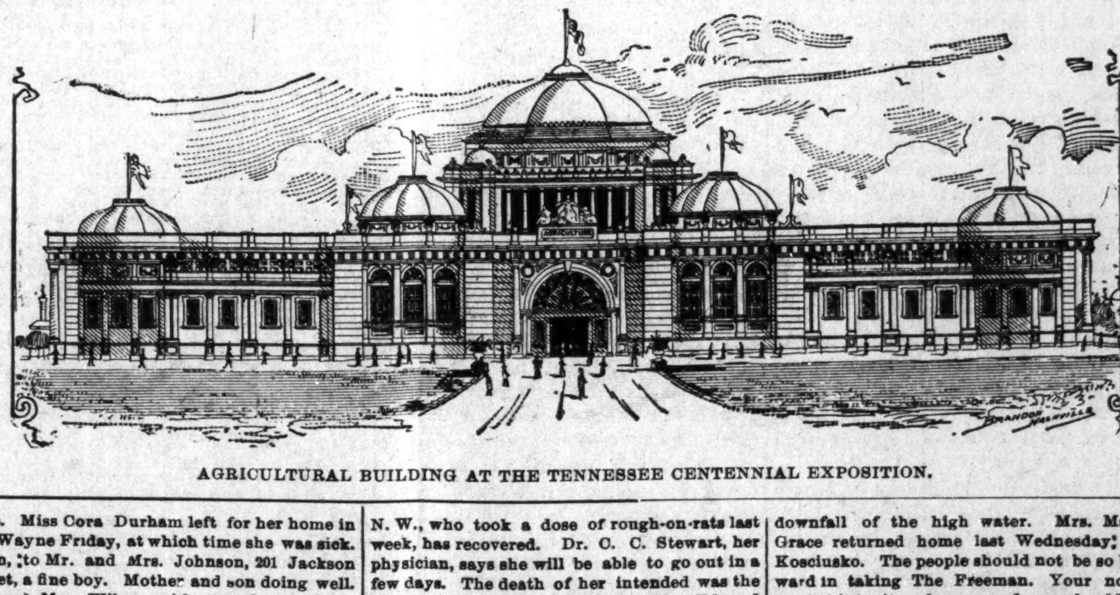
Ex-Senator Bruce to be Register of the Treasury—Napier for Auditor, and Dancy, Green, Arnett, et al are Slated.

Washington, D. C., Special.

Ex-Congressman Cheatham, of North Carolina, has succeeded C. H. J. Taylor as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. Taylor's resignation was requested on the 5th inst. Ex-Senator Bruce was at the White House last week, and it is reported he will be the next Register of the Treasury. Hon. J. C. Napier, of Tennessee, will, it is said, be appointed as one of the auditors, with a salary of $3,300 per annum. Hon. J. C. Dancy will receive his appointment in a short while as collector. He was an applicant for Recorder of Deeds. Hon. John P. Green, of Ohio, will be here again as soon as he decides on which of the several positions he has been tendered. Bishop Arnett called on the President a few days ago, and from the smile on his face as he came out of the White House, made him look as if he felt like singing "In the Sweet by and by." Dr. R. F. Boyd will, get there later on, R. T. Greener it is said, will get a good position in the state of New York. It is said he prefers a position in this city under the national government. The cheering good news that has reached the ears of the anxious ones has had a stimulating effect upon the colored Republicans everywhere, and the result is the gloom that has overshadowed the faces of many has disappeared, and everyone is feeling good. Then it is stated from a reliable source that the civil service law will be so amended that colored Republicans will be able to secure many minor offices. Congressman Murray took the cue from your correspondent relative to the necessity of a close organization of the colored vote. Miss Lizzie Radcliff, of E street, N. W., who took a dose of rough-on-rats last week, has recovered. Dr. C. C. Stewart, her physician, says she will be able to go out in a few days. The death of her intended was the cause of the rash act. Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Carter have purchased a handsome and cozy little home at 516 D street, N. E. Mrs. Carter was formerly a resident of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. R. F. Boyd, whose chances are still good for the surgeon-in-chief of Freedman's Hospital, left the city Sunday night after a week's stay. He combined business with pleasure and left much pleased with his visit. Hon. J. C. Napier and wife left Friday night for their home in Nashville. Mr. Napier will no doubt be in our midst for the next four years. Col. W. P. Brownlow, the able Representative from the first Tennessee district, is a fine gentleman and a born leader. He is just the man to lead to victory. He has a pleasant way of making his friends feel at home. That cordial way counts a lot, and is going to increase his popularity. Senator Wm. E. Chandler has been appointed as chairman of the Senate committe on Privileges and Elections. He is just the one for the place, for he is a man who will contend for the right in spite of all other influences brought to bear upon him. Hon. Chas. W. Fairbanks, the distinguished Senator of Indiana, is a most pleasant gentleman to meet, and seems to be devoted to the interests of his state. Indiana acted wise in selecting him.

C. C. STEWART.

NEGRO BUILDING AT THE TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.



AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AT THE TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.

A Murderer Acquitted.

Hamburgh, Miss., Special.

Circuit court of this county has adjourned. The docket was the largest one for several years. One of the alleged slayers of Ben Land, a respectable colored citizen who was murdered at midnight by an organized band of white caps, was acquitted after a long trial. The majority of the people of both colors think justice has been cheated. The others were released on a Habeas Corpus trial. The farmers are nearly through planting. Cotton chopping is progressing nicely. Our Sabbath school under the efficient management of Mr. E. Huff and Washington Smith is largely attended by old as well as the young people. Our trustees made aflying trip to Meadville last week in the interest of the school. Prof. W. J. Beasley is now located at Winchester, Ark. where he has a school. He is an earnest worker for the cause of education and is doing much to elevate the race. Miss Mamie Bennett the estimable daughter of Mrs. Martha Bennett is boarding at Mrs. Lucindia Bells and attending school. Miss Elizabeth Gordon, one of our most respected young ladies, has been elected to the position of assistant teacher. Mrs. Eliza Huff is on the sick list.

Muncie News Notes.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Presiding Elder Townsend was in the city Sunday conducting the quarterly meeting. Rev. Townsend preached an eloquent sermon at the morning services. Mrs. Ohmer Knox of South Plum street, is entertaining her mother of Indianapolis. Club No. 2 gave a fine concert on Tuesday May 11th at the A. M. E. church. Quite a number of Muncie people spent Sunday May 9th at the Capitol. Among the number were Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. A. McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robbins and son Millard. L. T. Evans is on the sick list. Jerome Woods of Modoc is in the city the guest of Mrs. John Douglass. Mr. Grant Fletcher has accepted the position of second cook at the "Kirby." Mrs. R. Nathan accompanied Mrs. C. Timbers to Dayton, O., their future home last week. Ethel, the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, is very ill with pneumonia. Rev. F. P. Green of the Second Baptist church visited at his home in Shelbyville Monday of last week. Mr. I. Knox attended the commencement exercises at Greenfield Tuesday May 11th, his sister is a member of this year's graduating class.

Annual Installation.

Lexington, Miss., Special.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows gave an annual installation, Friday May 7, after which an excellent supper was spread. The Benevolent Society of Holmes county met Tuesday night with its Grand Master, William Johnson in the chair. Mr. Johnson made an excellent talk. Richard Pariman, our finished photographer, is in Lexington, and is having quite a rush of work. Mr. Pariman is a finished artist. He is stopping at Mrs. M. J. Clark's. Miss Sophronia Haskins of Paducah, Ky., is visiting relatives and friends in the city. Mrs. Lillie Clark, wife of Rev. A. H. Clark of Greenville, is still here with her mother, waiting for the downfall of the high water. Mrs. Martha Grace returned home last Wednesday from Kosciusko. The people should not be so backward in taking The Freeman. Your notices are put into its columns, and you should buy the paper and not borrow. The fact is, The Freeman should not put your name on its noted pages unless it is known whether you have subscribed or not. We hope all good thinking people will take this in consideration, and let us form clubs of five, ten, fifteen and twenties so we can know about each other and let us do something that is worthy of note. Scott Griffin of Aberdeen, champion bricklayer of the state, is here. Mr. Griffin is a scholarly gentleman.

Ordination of Ministers.

Tillar, Ark., Special.

Prof. R. N. Davis, President S. E. District S. S. convention, was ordained May 2, at his church under the supervision of its pastor, Rev. I. G. Bailey. The presbytery consisted of the following brethren: Revs. W. A, Edwards, S. Yancy, Mack McKay and C. A. Williams. Rev. Mr. Bailey preached the ordination sermon to a crowded house, and all seemed to be deeply interested in his discourse. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, under the auspices of Miss M. D. McGowan Messrs. M. F. Griffin and Aaron Brooks. The young divine received many words of encouragement from his host of friends. Rev. Davis enters the field well prepared for the work, and bids fair for a grand success. He left Wednesday in company with Miss Roxa Burks, his delegate, for Walnut Lake, Ark., where he held his annual Sunday school convention.

In Honor of Guests.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Amos Stewart, Mrs. J. Hackley and Mrs. Ed. McKay gave a reception at the residence of Amos Stewart Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Charles Clanton, of Adrain. Miss Minnie Hedgebeth has returned from Logansport, where she attended the funeral of her nephew, Harry Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker. William Roberts, of Lawrence, is in the city. Rev. Bell, of Cassopolis, preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Charles Hill of Chariott is in the city. Rev. Hill's wife has returned from Marion, Ind., where she attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Moore. Miss Nellie Scott, of Clinton, is the guest of Mrs. Amos Stewart. Mrs. Alethia gave a 6 o'clock tea Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Chas. Clanton.

A Prosperous Congregation.

Milwaukee, Wis., Special.

The Salem Baptist church which is presided over by Rev. J. B. Odeam is in a prosperous condition. Rev. Odeam's sermon delivered at the morning service Sunday, was good. His text was Rom. 12-13 verse. He gave his congregation a lesson on the principles of charity and hospitality which found an echo in many hearts. Rev. Odeam is the right man in the right place. Mrs. Odeam is an earnest kind hearted christian lady and a faithful helpmate to her husband in his work for the salvation of souls. The Sabbath school services began at 1:30 p. m. it was well attended. The Superintendent, Mrs. C. Commer is doing a great work. The colored population of this State is about 5000. The prospects here for the Freeman are bright. The Wisconsin news will appear weekly.

Hon. John Grant Endorsed.

Sherman, Tex., Special.

The McKinley and Hobart club, met 5th inst. and drafted resolutions indorsing the Hon. John Grant and his manly stand in the matter of distributing the federal patronage of Tex. Julian Hederick a prominent young man of this city committed suicide the 6th by shooting himself through the heart with a Colts 44-calibre revolver. Grief from loss of his wife is supposed to be the cause. Grand Lodge K. of P. convened here the 11th and remained four days. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Tuck Wilson and Miss Callie Ladd. C. L. Brown painfully injured his leg while out riding recently. Mrs. Net Rainey is recovering. Any one wishing The Freeman, notify P. W. Carpenter, the ag't. Miss M. Jones says she expects to read The Freeman all the time,

Clarinda News Notes.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

Rev. Mendenhall and family were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Baker Sunday. Mr. A. Cartmill dined with Mr. Jones. Mr. Cason is not improved at this writing. Miss Bell Cason is better. Miss Edna Jones is out again. The Second Baptist church had quarterly meeting Sunday. The A. M. E. church had a green supper Thursday night. T. E. Ashford will open a first class restaurant in Shambaugh May 10th. Rev. Mendenhall will leave Monday for Atchison, Kan., on business. The Second Baptist church will have a grand fishing party Saturday at Kambaugh. Mrs. S. Ashford called on Miss Anderson Sunday and Mrs. J. Jones.

A Budget of News.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Rev. C. W. Morssell, ex-missionary to Hayti, and representing the New York conference was in this city last week canvassing for a very interesting book of which he is the author, entitled "Toussaint L'Overture or Hayti's struggle for Independence." The Woman's Sewing Circle met Friday at the church. Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Terry was tendered a surprise Tuesday evening. Mr. S. Johnson sold his barber shop and left for Chicago to make it his future home Mr. Smith spent Sunday at Covington, Ky. Mrs. S. Robinson of Dayton, O., is here visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Rosier and Mrs. W. Johnson spent Sunday at Middletown, O.

The Seventh Day Adventists.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Miss Bertie Bradley has returned to her school in Cass Co. Miss Lena Roberts and Miss Schafer of Lawrence, was in the city calling on relatives and friends Sunday May 9th. The Seventh Day Adventists held a two days meeting closing Sunday evening. About fifty from abroad attended the meetings. Elders Olson Horton and Durland of Battle Creek, were in attendence.

Keokuk News Notes.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

A short program was rendered at Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church Thursday evening The program was as follows: Music, speech, Blanche Williams; speech, Lizzie Smith; recitation, Retta Harris; select reading, Sadie Washington; recitation Lillie McGruder; speech Berdie Smith; duett, Josie Bush and Maude Jefferson. Mrs. W. G. Reinheart of Mucitiane, Ia., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. Kellis. Mrs. O. B. Wilson is convalescent. Miss C. Boston of Canton, Mo., spent Sunday in the city.

THE VOICE OF AN OPTIMIST

RAISED IN REBUKE TO THEORIES ADVANCED BY NOAH BAXTER.

TWO GENERATIONS IN THE BALANCE

The New Negro Not Inferior to the Old—Altered Demands of the Times—Spectacles Must be Re-adjusted to New Conditions — The Negro in a Transitory Stage—Undergoing a Refining Process—A Word for the Industrial Army—Choosing Between Two Pictures—Mr. Thompson Takes up the Gauntlet Thrown Down by the "Sage of Marble Falls," and Chants an Inspiring Creed.

BY R. W. THOMPSON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

"Survey the whole, nor seek slight faults to find."—Pope.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I ought to feel immensely flattered by the steady attention paid me by our distinguished antiquarian from the great Lone Star State, Uncle Noah Baxter. It would be an unpardonable breach of courtesy not to appropriately acknowledge the compliment of being bracketed with the eminent writers of the day, and exploited far and wide as one whose opinion is entitled to some weight relative to the speed at which the "progress" of the race is being "pushed along." Uncle Noah's original letters have been read with interest and his logic is always entertaining, if not at all points sound. In reviewing his recent effusions, the sarcastic references to the "grate nusepaper writers," the "Thompson Boy," as well as the parting threat to brand the silence of certain persons as cowardice, are irrelevant to the subject, and may be passed by without serious notice. More than usual pressure upon time and pen in other directions unavoidably delayed the contribution promised some weeks ago, designed to answer some queries propounded by the illustrious Sage of Marble Falls. Fortunately my pen is not "done broke," and the ink retains its liquid form. The orchestra will please strike a chord!

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Several of your very able staff have justly accorded Uncle Noah a large measure of praise for some very practical suggestions for race improvement. To much that is said, our people should give prayerful attention; but I fear, that in commending in the aggregate, our writers have unwittingly endorsed a current of thought—cleverly concealed amid glittering generalities—that they would quickly condemn if seperately considered. Lack of race confidence, and a squinting eye at laudable achievements are the twice stumbling blocks in the Negro's pathway to loftier heights. Bearing this fact in mind, I feel constrained to take issue with our aged for two reasons: First, the plausibility of his half-truth theories appeal dangerously to the superficial investigator and their persistent agitation through so influential a medium as The Freeman gives them a pretentious value. Second, the deplorable tendency of the age toward pessimism, and the too prevalent habit of establishing racial status by isolated examples find an unhealthy encouragement if left unchallenged or unrebuked. It is far from my purpose to close my eyes to damaging facts concerning the colored people, nor to unduly extol their virtues. These scattering remarks are not put forward as an emancipation day oration, keyed to the pitch of brass bands and set to spectacular accessions to catch applause from the galleries. They are opinions grounded in all sincerity.

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Every community is plentifully besprinkled with the Noah Baxter type. He is found in the church, the school room, and in politics, and every innovation looking toward a departure from threadbare methods must whip him in a hand-to-hand conflict before it can hope for a life. Some weeks ago I aimed to pay a just tribute to these pioneers as race builders. I withdraw no part of that eulogy upon their valuable service in laying the foundation upon which many have risen to eminence in letters and statecraft. But the world moves on, and with the birth of new conditions, the workman employing antiquated tools must either buy up-to-date ones or be distanced in the race for preferment. The pioneer's prestige is gone and his usefulness is at an end, unless he has kept pace with modern thought or is willing to follow progressive leadership. The class of Noah Baxter's who learn nothing new and forget nothing old, cannot be other than biased in judgement, contracted in vision, and false in reasoning, because of inspiration drawn from incorrect standards. The hypochondriacs and dyspeptics, who see nothing but the growth of unfavorable conditions in our race, and who view history with their faces turned backwards, are unsafe guides for the impressionable youth, yet, they are among the first to denounce the white people for judging us in the same manner. The pessimist is consistent only in his inconsistency. If our eyes are ever open to defects and our ears alert for complaints, it would be easy for all to join in a cry that the "progress of the race" is a delusion and a snare, and advise that a receiver be speedily appointed to wind up our affairs as citizens.

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But, happily, there are among us newer generations, with hearts quickened by hope, and whose minds are brightened by the spirit of modern institutions. They are profiting by the mistakes of the past. They are improving upon the crude, though strong foundations bequeathed by their forefathers, and are establishing new standards—aiming toward higher ideals than the most sanguine of ante-bellum heroes ever placed within the range of possibility. Some of these energetic soldiers of fortune are young—"boys," forsooth. And, while not desirous of playing Pitt to any antiquated Walpole, they are thankful that their follies show no sign of increasing with age, and rejoice that years of experience do not intensify ignorance or beget stupid obstinacy. The sensible young man of to-day respects gray hairs, and listens with tolerance when judgment repudiates; but he must not be asked to follow a leadership that flies "Despair" at the mast-head, or to step in unison with the "Dead-march in Saul." He will not agree that in being young he has committed a crime for which he need be held responsible. This is an era of progress—of get up and get. It has no time for jeremiads. As Carlyle aptly says: "The race of life has become intense; the runners are treading upon each others heels, Woe be to him who stops to tie his shoe-strings."

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Uncle Noah Baxter invites a comparison between the modern Negro and the Negro of the slave period as pushers of "progress." If Uncle Noah contends that the race is not advancing as rapidly as "befo' de wah," and that the men and women of to-day are not the peers of their predecessors, the issue is respectfully joined for a finish. I assert with renewed confidence that we are now living in the highest epoch that civilization has known, and that the future is rich in promise. To be sure the way toward the goal is strewn with failures, and many more will be added to the roll of unfortunates, but the aggregate mass will undoubtedly move up a peg with each generation. At each movement the friction will grow more and more painful, perhaps, but the increment of brain and brawn, improved facilities and fuller experience will give sufficient vigor and view to off-set the disadvantage of keener competition and sterner demand.

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In not accurately estimating the effect of changed conditions is where the Noah Baxters make their mistake. They measure "proggress" solely by surface results and isolated instances, forgetting that nature never sleeps, and that revolutions, like coral reefs, are the slow accumulations of centuries of almost imperceptible activity. The shell of a great building goes up rapidly, after which the work seems to slacken in pace. Ordinarily, it does not. Its character simply changes. The rough exterior—all that the superficial observer sees—can be hurried along, but the artistic carving, the rich moulding, the graceful statuary and the fine interior finish, which give tone, character and beauty to the structure, necessarily call for time and superior skill. Yet, the quality of advancement is as proportionately valuable as the first and expressive of a much higher grade of culture. The hard schooling ante-bellum times, continuing through the generation following emancipation gave form and stability to the race, but the advanced training now in vogue is a polishing process, and is rapidly placing the black man in touch with the finer civilizations about him. The Negro this decade is in a transitory stage, and if surface results do not appear so formidable, the way is being systematically pared toward a more elevated plane of citizenship. The restless energy of the age carries with it constantly changing conditions and differences in the peculiarity of demand. The palmy days "befo' de wah" gave evidence of the Negro's marvelous possibilities, and those who rose an inch above the level of their fellows, are entitled to a large need of praise. Strong occasions developed strong, courageous men, and pushed to the front individuals who, in less exciting times, might have remained in obscurity. The moderately smart man was a wonder. Ability to solve a problem in long division was an open sesame to the miner intellectuality. An ordinary achievement was voted a marvel, and a fair accumulation of this world's goods was a theme for the chronicler of treasurer's tales. Mediocre attainments passed muster and insignificant departures from the beaten path, merely deemed worthy of laudatory paragraphs. Now, under later standards, the educated man and the accomplished woman are taken as a matter of course. The successful church builder, the university promoter, the profound scholar, the prosperous business manager, the experienced journalist, the eloquent orator, the literary genius, the office-holder and the man of means come as the natural product of improved opportunities. We have ceased to stare at them with open-mouthed astonishment. They no longer "set the rivers on fire," for they are not the novelties they used to be. They hail from every state, city, village and hamlet. The name of our smart men is legion. These two eras of progress must be compared with altered conditions in mind, or the judgment will fall short of justice.

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Uncle Noah very plaintively points to the many bales of cotton he could put up for his "ole misses" before freedom "brake out," and bewails the fact that the educated Negro cannot do so well now. This difference was clearly analyzed a short time ago in The Freeman by "M. R. Right" who gave evidence of deep thought upon agricultural science, land taxation, etc. He attributed the alleged falling off of production and the Negro's apparently proved showing to the heavy increase in land values in the South, the depreciated market, the deadly competition, the relative unprofitableness of cotton raising and the diversification of industries—in which theory he is correct. The progress of great masses must be computed by averages and considered in broad generalizations.

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If the individual Negro is not baling so much cotton or fattening so many hogs, he is achieving success not less important in a wider field. The Negro race is still cultivating the soil with goodly results, but more than that it is invading the arena of intellectuality and skilled industry. The modern generation is giving to civilization Booker T. Washington and Tuskegee, Council and Normal, besides magnificent institutions of learning everywhere, organizations for material developement and moral culture, powerful journals, writers, teachers, preachers and professional men of superior qualifications. These times demand stronger equipment to achieve former results, for with such an army of able contestants in the field, stubbornly refusing to yield a point of vantage, the competition is intense, the pace maddening and victories are richly earned. In your quiet little pastorial home, Uncle Noah, soothed by the perfume of May blossoms and lulled by the music of happy birds and bees, you cannot estimate the grinding force of these great municipal mill-stones, under whose influence only the fittest may survive. You point to your neighbors' boys who have come back from the cities to die. You shake your hoary head sadly and exclaim "Fast life, wine, women, cards!" The majority of these farm lads, my dear old friend, are simply crushed between the upper and nether mill-stones of an exacting civilization. They are outclassed in the battle they are rash enough to enter without testing the quality of their armor. This higher standard must be reckoned with in estimating latter-day achievements. The large percentage of failures, or numerous cases of individual unworthiness, do not, in the eyes of descerning men, indicate race deterioration.

Look at the quadrupled efficiency, the greater magnitude of undertakings, the ceaseless striving for loftier pinnacles, the rapidly narrowing gap between the blacks and whites in all the departments of human activity! Then strike a balance. For every shining light of Uncle Noah's boyhood, the youngster of to-day can inscribe the names of fifty upon honor's luminous scroll.

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Uncle Noah's sneer at the educated young men and women who go North or East is narrow, ungenerous and wholly out of place. It was unworthy of the kindly contenance that recently beamed from the Freeman's star page. These young people go North no doubt in the hope of escaping the galling barriers which cramps their ambition. They go out as modern Jasons in search of the Golden Fleice. Some perforce, must miss their aim, and may ultimately land into the station of cook, waiter, lady's maid, body servant or hack-driver. This is true of all races and the dusky Jasons but shares the lot of his Irish, German or French brother. There is no royal road over which the poor may comfortably "push the progress of the race along." "It is the wisdom of a fool to laugh at the unfortunate," says an old saw. None of us are dead and buried yet.

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Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This is to certify that I came to New York from Albany. I was a stranger in a strange city, out of work and out of money. I had no luck in anything I undertook. What to do I did not know. A friend advised me to go and see Dr. Shea. I did. He told me the cause of my troubles; he took me in and treated me as a brother. Through him I got a good position that very week. I had been to others; they took my money and did me no good. I bless the day I first met Dr. Shea. I would advise all in bad luck, sick or in trouble to go to him at once.
Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
121-23rd Street.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to under stand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself, I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at one what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truely and and heartily recommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind, Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn,

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Before the three weeks of grace, kindly given by Uncle Noah Baxter, for a reply by the "great" writers of The Freeman to his questions, I hope this bluster will be in print, as I am one of "Pop" Baxter's "great writers." If it does not appear before that date will be the fault of the publisher, not the author. I do not deem a reply to Mr. Baxter's last letter needful by either Bro. R. W. Thompson or "B. Square," as both of these "great" writers said all they could say or all that could be said about the old man's pennings two or three moons ago. Our replies to our aged friend and co-worker for the advancement of the race will do for answers of all questions he may ask for years, or for our expression of opinion upon all he may pen in the future. Still I have a reason for devoting one or two paragraphs of this bluster to his last letter.

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The reason is I flatter myself that I know something of humanity—humanity in general and Afro-American humanity in particular—therefore, I will make a short reply to our aged friend's letter. It is the ambition of my life to go thundering down through ages yet unborn, as a novelist—a writer of realistic fiction—to have fame (and perhaps fortune), father time and history to so record my name, long, long after I have gone to sleep with my fathers. This plot of mine may miscarry, my novels (?) may not pass the civil service examination of fame, or if they do, they may be expunged from the records by old father time before history has an opportunity to record them, still, one of the first lessons that a would-be novelist must learn is every-day human nature; what Tom, the bootblack would say and do at certain times in certain places; what Dick the much and would like-wise do, also the every day doings of Mr. Harry the society man and member of the "upper 10" and the 399th part of the "400."

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My productive imagination causes me to see Uncle Noah Baxter as he points out his last letter in The Freeman to his friends. I can see the look of the conquering warrior upon his brow as he says: "I've got them now; read this article; they can't answer my questions." With the expression of victory uttered in his peculiar, old-time manner, he sits down to smoke his corn cob pipe while his "brudderen" exclaim: "Yes Budder Noe, you's got them shunuff." I also see, with the eye of a would-be novelist, several colored men with more or less intelligence, residing in another state or section of the country assembled at the commonweath club of our race—the barber shop—one of whom is looking over The Freeman suddenly his face is radiant with delight and his eyes sparkle with joy as he exclaims: "By George! Have you all read that old man down in Texas (Uncle Noah Baxter's) last letter? Well say, he burns those big fellows up; he gives them h—l. The old man is right: those fellows care nothing for the race, they are all out either for fame or the dust Well if the old man only had the education he would be out of sight. I bet none of those fellows will reply because they can't." For these reasons I devote the better part of this bluster to them and Uncle Noah Baxter.

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Mr. Baxter, in reply to your pointed question: "How is the progress of the race being pushed along?" I beg leave to say that it is being "pushed along" in the following manner: 1st, By you. Your letters clearly show us some of the many imperfections of the generations born or grown up since the days of bondage. 2d, Your letters show the imperfections of our old leaders; their crude logic, their blindness, their ignorance and their self-will. 3d, They bring to the surface members of our generations who are following in your footsteps. 4th, They cause us to see the great advancement the majoriy of the race has made, since the days when the majority was of the same mind as yourself and took the same backward view. Yes, Mr. Baxter, the progress of the race is being greatly hurried toward a brighter and better future by your crude pen and—if you were not so personal you might do much more good, as I, for one "great" writer believe you are honest in your intentions, although ignorant of facts. Read Thompson's and my first replies to your first letter, they tell the whole story in your case.

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Mr. Baxter, you may be older in years, but beg pardon, I have had far more journalistic experience than you have had, or can, at your age, expect to have; therefore, kindly take a hint (even if does come from a "boy"). Do not in your writings be personal. If Dr. Henderson, Editor Fortune, Mr. Thompson, Dr. Majors or B. Square have short comings or imperfections, there are others in their classes, in the same boats. Say some writers are so-and-so, or do so-and-so and then you will kill more birds with one stone than now, and not cause the persons above named to think you are simply after them. Find all the faults you can in classes or the race, but my dear old father, don't be personal; I for one do not like it. I'll say no more.

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The day just passed has been one long to be remembered by every citizen born on United States' soil, regardless of race, color or any previous, unhappy conditions or present unfavorable ones. It has been one of the few days occurring during the life of the intelligent Negro, when he can freely forgive, or at least overlook the wrongs be suffers, the injustice done him and prejudice against him by the white Americans of American birth. It has been a day when national pride should fill the soul of the most humble American born citizen, male or female, man or woman, ex-union, or ex-confederate, Afro or Europe-American boy or girl, and I, for one, forgot the past and ever the present and felt proud of the fact that I was not only an American citizen, but a native born one.

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A great and united nation has just paid its last respects to one of the world's greatest of great men; one of world's greatest heroes on the field of battle; one of war's greatest captains; one of peace's greatest champions. Grant's immortal dust has been to day placed in its last resting place. History up-to-date records no such pageant, no such out-burst of national love, no such fitting honor. The only thing half like it was when the great Napoleon's ashes were brought to Paris and re-interred in the "Hotel des Inoalides." This event, great as it was, inspired within the breasts of the French a feeling of war and hate. To-day's honor to our dead hero filled every true American with peace and love. The event will do more to re-unite our nation, the North and South, the blacks and whites, than any event of the century. "Let us have peace," prosperity, union and justice for all men and civil rights for the least of the nation's citizens.

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I saw the whole of to-day's honor to Grant's memory, and the events and incidents of the day, will give food and subjects for several week's bluster. The colored soldiers from Ohio and Virginia looked well and out of ranks behaved like gentlemen, there were "others" of whom I will speak in other blusters.

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It is my self-appointed duty (all my duties are self-appointed) to welcome Edward Elmore Brock in behalf of the staff correspondents of The Freeman, to a chair at our round table. Sit dawn Ed. and make yourself at home. By-the-way, what will you have? This one is on me.

B. SQUARE.

SPORTING NOTES.

George Dixon, champion, and his old opponent, Johnny Griffin, the auburn haired boy from the Bay State, encountered each other again on Monday evening, April 26, in the arena of the Broadway Athletic Club New York City. They were matched to box twenty rounds, and there was a goodly crowd present to witness the contest, although the number was below the standard. The weight limit was 128lb, and the contest was quite interesting, although Dixon, a strong favorite with the crowd, held the upper hand easily all through, and at the close received the decision. Griffin fought with gameness that was worthy of admiration, but he was clearly outclassed in every respect. The first preliminary bout was between Patsy Donovan, of the City of Bricks, and Joe Elms, of Boston, Mass., who boxed ten rounds, at 112lb, the result being a draw.

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Joe Walcott and Jim Watts, both colored, encountered each other at the Broadway Athletic Club, New York Cith, evening of April 20. Watts was overmatched by Walcott, and he received severe punishment, to avoid which he went down frequently. In the fourth round he repeated this violation of the rules, and Walcott, as his opponent struck the floor, delivered a blow, which, however, was an unintentional foul, the blow being on the way when Watts went down, and Referee Roche very properly overlooked it. He also allowed Watts five minutes in which to recover, to which the latter was not entitled, and then the police refused to permit the fight to continue, leaving Roche nothing to do, in equity, but to declare the battle a draw.

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Bobby Dobbs and Maurice Hagerstorm met at the Fifth Avenue Athletic Club, New York City, evening of April 22, being engaged to fight twenty rounds. In the second round, however. when Hagerstrom went to the floor upon the slighest provocation, Referee Muldoon, being convinced that the men were not boxing on the level, administered a dose of California medicine by declaring the affair "no contest" and dismissing the pair without pay. A few more such affairs as this will effectually kill boxing shows between professionals in the metropolis.

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There are too many girls coming from normal and collegiate institutes minus trades, and are compelled to push baby carriages or to sling cook pots for a living, when we should strive to have some place for them as soon as they receive their diplomas. There are not enough merchants among us. We need men and women of different callings. If we had more merchants we would have places to offer our young plants as soon as they are plucked and sent out from collegiate gardens. None of us are millionaires, but if we rightly conduct our business, and not be afraid to trust each other in the business sphere, we could rise faster than we have in the past years. If we wish to rise we should not be guilty of fighting through the press simply to give vent to our feelings, but when we find our brother deviating from the right, we should write and inform him of his error instead of giving it to the public to dispose of to suit each one.

We need more Fred Douglasses, John Mitchells and Bishop Turners and others who are real race workers. Money that is in banks yielding only a small interest is but little or no good to our race, so those who have money in banks should take it out and start into a business that will be a blessing to us and our children to the third and fourth generation. We need to come together and understand each other and start business. Whenever the business men feel it their duty to come together and organize a business convention, composed of business men from all parts of these United States for the purpose of conducting a business for the race, the above problem will be found comparatively easy. Yours for the race,

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Death of an Old Citizen.

Mobile, Ala., Special.

Samuel Hopkins, a popular citizen of Mobile for more than fifty years, died at the age of 81 years. He was a devoted christian, a loving husband, a devoted father. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death. His funeral took place at the Franklin Street Baptist church, Rev. A. N. McEwen, officiating. More than sixty persons have been converted at the State Street A. M. E. Zion church revival. Sister Taylor and Rev. Moreland are conducting the services. Rev. Thomas, presiding elder of Pensacola, Fla., preached a powerful sermon to the order of Love and Charity at State Street A. M. E. Zion church on the 25 ult. The society presented $50 to the church. The Catholic Knights of the World convened in this city on the 10th. Among the 600 delegates to the International Association of the Y. M. C. A., sixteen of them were Negroes. C. F. Spalding, popular young man of West Point, Ga, has accepted the position as head waiter of the Battle House. D. W. Andrew has returned from his trip to the North, and married Miss V. Williams, of N. Broad street, last Thursday night, Rev. Jno. F. Moreland officiating. The Odd Fellows had their annual sermon preached at Big Zion church last Sunday by Rev. C. H. Smith.

Negro Passengers in the South.

Dr. C. S. Smith's condemnation of the course taken by Rev. Mr. Cain in suing the Pullman Car Company seems, on the first reading, to be a fair arraignment of the wisdom shown by the Rev. Cain. But does not Dr. Smith p'a nly admit that the sentiment in Texas from the highest to the lowest of the Caucasian race, is to prohibit an Afro-American riding in a sleeping car? With the existence of such a strong sentiment, we know it is neither probable nor possible to bring a successful suit against a Railroad Co. in Texas, nor even in any other Southern state should such a dastard act of cowardice be perpetrated within its borders. Knowing this so well, it would be a loss of time and money to attempt such a lawsuit. While Dr. Smith states very forcibly his side of the question as to the Pullman Car Co. being our friend, etc., he seems to forget that we as all other American citizens, receive only that for which we pay when we purchase a sleeping car ticket.

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TOPICS OF FASHION.

The plain sailor hat is so indispensable for the tailor-made girl that it will be much seen this summer, but with higher crown and wider rim than last season.

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A pretty design for a wash shirt-waist is to have the plait down the front finished in a point just below the bust and between this and the waist two clusters of tucks, or four each, across the front.

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A new double warp cashmere, called drap d'ete, has simply jumped into popular favor lately. In colors broken checks are the favorites, and these are really more serviceable than the plain goods for general wear.

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The bolero has been so long and so universally worn that women are beginning to tire of it and devise something else. The frille waist grows in popular favor daily, while many of the latest bodices are draped on the cross and pointed back and front.

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A novel idea of a leading modiste is to make her slips for under thin gowns in princess style, with shirring at the neck and waist, thus doing away with the joining of the skirt and waist. This style should recommend itself particularly to stout women.

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The new bell skirt, one of Dame Fashion's latest creations, is in three pieces, front gore and two side gores, one on each side of the front. There is a bias seam down the middle of the back, and, as is the case with almost all this season's skirts, it is four and a half yards around the bottom.

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For a slender. long waisted figure a wide girdle looks better swathed around the waist without any foundation, but for stout, short-waisted women it is more becoming to have it on a boned canvas foundation, tapering from the side seams into a point below the waist back and front.

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Among the styles prescribed by Fashion's mandate for thin gown sleeves appear many models with trimmings of shirrings, tucks of inserting of lace running their entire length. Vandyke points or lace edged ruffles or shaped caps fall over the tops. A pretty addition can be made by tucking up the centre of ruffle in butterfly fashion with a bow or knot. This can be done when dressing and omitted again for change.

Innocently Murdered.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Prof. Brown of Rosedale, Miss., is in the city. The Whittier Historical Association held their monthly meeting on the 4th. There are only four city schools, and the attendance in each reaches about 500. The LeMoyne Normal school of this city does good work. It will soon close its 24th year. The Howe Institute is a progressive Baptist school of this city. The public school system of Shelby county is managed quite efficiently, and the teachers are well prepared for their work. We feel proud of E. M. Ware of Fisk University as a teacher of the county schools. Much protest is being made here by prominent colored citizens of Memphis against the unwarranted killing of two colored men in this city by policemen. In both cases the men killed had not been complained of, the officers had no warrant for their arrest, and they were not caught in the commissson of any unlawful act. The grand jury of Shelby county is investigating the matter of corrupt perjury brought out in the motion for a new trial in the Wood's case in the criminal court last week.

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EDUCATION IN AFRICA.

The Lagos Standard, of Lagos, West Africa, says:

For the first time in its history we believe, we have the opportunity and privilege of bringing to the notice of the public of Lagos the Educational Institute, Freetown, Sierra Leone, of which Mr. Leopold a fullblooded African is Principal. This Institute has counted a decade, in fact it is on its thirteenth year. It is purely undenominational. It consists of two main divisions, with an intermediate division incorporated with the Junior. Pupils are classified according to proficiency determined by examination. The senior classes are drilled in Classiss, Mathematics, English Literature and Science, the Junior, elementary subjects, including rudimentary classics and mathematics as found expedient by the Principal. There is also instrumental music.

Notwithstanding this excellent show of educational prosperity, yet there is heard a ground tone of a pessimistical tendency. The Standard says:

It is certain that the Founder and Principal of the Educational Institute will have observed that with advancing time a new modus operandi is being conceived for the training of the African—the Europeanized African, and that educational agencies of this era will do well in attempting—not hazardously attempting, to embody in their curriculum one or other of these "notions." The Aborigines' Friend of December has the following on the Natives under British Rule in Africa: and educationists had better keep them in mind:—

"It is considered by some honest friends o the West African Natives that there is too much imitation of English manners and customs among them, too much desire, by showy dressing and stylish department, to adapt what may be only the veneer of civilization; not the thing itself. More clever young natives of West Africa, than useful and honourable work to their liking can be found for when they go back, perhaps come to England every year to study law and science and obtain high diplomas from Oxford or Cambridge, the Inns of the Court, or the metropolitan hospitals; and the parents who can afford them these opportunities by reason of their large profits in business are more anxious to pose as Anglicised Negroes than as champions of Negro interests. It marks more apparent than real progress in those who are sharers in it, and it weakens the patriotic sympathy that the prosperous few ought to show to the less fortunate of their kinsfolk. There is only an upper crust of refinement, or something like it, in the native population of such ports as Freetown in Sierra Leone, Accra on the Gold Coast, and Lagos, the capital of the colony that bears the same name."

It strikes one that the above very graphic description of the new African Negro is not altogether too severe, when an accurate account of the American Negro is taken, after having passed through several decades of refining influences. It would be a very serious admission to admit the fact, that a peculiar kind of education is necessary for any race. Yet one is impressed with the fact, that, at least in Africa, a kind of teaching is necessary that will rout or root up the latent seeds of vanity, pomp, show and parade. An education that does not beget humility, humanity and reverence for God and a fellowman is very nearly a useless appendage. If the above quoted statements characterize the educated Negro in Africa or elsewhere, it must be confessed a fearful arraignment, which casts the future into the scale of doubt. Moral lessons of neutralizing tendency, is, it seems, the only remedy available against a hereditary ailment of this kind. In other races education seems to operate largely as a sedative which enlarges the capacity for overlooking individual infirmities and to sympathize with them. The Oxford graduate that looks askance at his relatives, of the bush—relatives of flesh and blood, seems, a very unnatural thing. Yet, after all it may be simply the law of the "survival of the fittest," which with diligent search, its application may be found in all nations. It may be that faculty predominant so well known in civilized countries, that inspires every man to surpass his fellow man. The highest civilized peoples of the world have the trait manifested in one way or the other. The tutored savage but a few degrees removed from his untutored brother, doubtless has not that sense of refinement that hides his barbarous cravings. Every race feels more content when it feels superior to some other race; and individuals likewise. Thus it may be seen that the new recruit to civilization may be held into too strict account his weaknesses which are but the foibles of every people either expressed or understood.

The Banker, Merchant and Manufacturer, a Chicago publication, devoted considerable space in a recent issue to the candidacy of Prof. O. M. Woods, of St. Louis, Mo., who desires the Haytian Mission. The article concludes in language, which, when the source is considered is very significant:

He certainly seems to be the man for the position, for not only has he the ability, but he is dignified and courteous, and there is every reason to believe that he will fill the position with honor to himself and the country he represents. St. Louis and the state of Missouri are justly entitled to recognition for the splendid results achieved at the election, and it is the earnest wish of the "Banker, Merchant and Manufacturer" that Professor Wood may be our next minister to Hayti.

The Epworth League Assembly management, of Ludington, Mich., has issued a very attractive pamphlet, setting forth the main features of the assembly. It abounds with pictures of the scenery near by, and prominent ladies and gentlemen connected. Prof. W. H. Council is presented to an advantage. It says of him:

Prof. W. H. Council, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes, at Normal, Ala., has been engaged in Negro education for more than a quarter of a century. Although a slave until his seventeenth year, he is highly cultured, and his mental powers display clearness, sublety, strength and balance. He is an eloquent and impressive speaker, possessing a rich, clear and ringing voice, and robust and manly presence. He has received many words of commendation from the press and leading men of America, and also from European journals and critics during his recent trip abroad. His lectures display religious fervor, philosophic grasp and rippling humar, with an entire absence of cant or pedantry. He will lecture at Ludington on the topics: (1) "Negro Education in the South." (2) "The Race Problem: What is it?" (2) "How I Helped Myself." Prof. Councill won wide fame by his eloquent address delivered at the corner-stone laying of the Negro building at the Nashville Centennial Grounds, March 13, 1897.

Miss Artishia G. Gilbert, A. M., M. D., and a most excellent lady of Louisville, Ky., who formerly held a professor's chair in a college and graduating since as a doctor, has taken additional courses of study at Howard University. She graduates with the class of '97. Miss Artishia is very deserving of success. With all of her seemingly superabundance of intellect, she is a very approachable woman. It is to be presumed that she will again hang out her shingle in Louisville, Ky.

The Senate is up to its old tricks. It can not sit quietly by and see the House originate a bill that does not bear senatorial ear marks before its passage; yet the lower house was established and ordained for just such a purpose. Those who planned the governmental fabric insisted that the House being nearer the people, should tax the people. But senatorial arrogance has changed the order of things. It is the Senate now that taxes. The people will yet elect the Senators and then some of the superior virtues will fit illy on the new order of men.

Overstreet and Fairbanks insist that they have put in their best licks. Indiana has been pushed in the great political lottery and it is presumed that she stands by, while blinded justice turns the wheel. Well all cannot draw prizes. Doubtless there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth when the wheel has made its last revolution.

Commencement time is on and the voice of hopeful youth and the voice of the sweet girl graduate will soon be heard in the land.

Indiana has a score of good men who desire something at the hands of the administration. How will she fare?

The Greeks, perhaps, wish they had not done it.

Howard University, of Washington, on May 10th, sent forth twenty-two graduates in medicine, four in dentistry and eight in pharmacy. About twenty states were represented; also two students hailing from the West Indies and one from Japan.

It may not be generally understood, but Bundy, the successful aspirant for cadetship honors, has one more examination to undergo.

All eyes are turned towards Washington. In these days of few offices for distribution, just how to compensate the Negro vote is a burning question.

The Woman's Messenger, of Memphis, Tenn., has issued a souvenir edition in honor of the Tennesse Centennial Exposition. It is highly successful, being well illustrated with the cuts of the more prominent features of the exposition, and especially the Negro department.

May the 11th, the President sent to the Senate the name of Hon. Albion W. Tourgee, to be consul of the United States at Bordeaux, France; Ex-Congressman Henry P. Cheatham, of North Carolina, to be Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia.

What You Want to Know.

Columbus, O., Special.

W. Stewart has gone on duty after a long spell of sickness. W. N. Taylor has gone in business. Mrs. M. Jackson and Mrs. M. Scott, of Omego, O., are visiting their son and daughter. W. Harris, of Portsmouth, is in the city. Walter Thomas has invested in a hack outfit. Jas. Russell has bought a well improved farm 8 miles south of the city. William Tuck has opened up an all-night lunch room. Charles Smith of Addison street, is dead, he was buried May 11. McKinley House arrivals: H. Harris, Toledo, O.; W. Stewart, Chillicothe; A. Johnson and wife, Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Dayton; and R. Daupert, Cincinnati.

Death of a Respected Citizen.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mr. Hill Morrow died at his home, near base ball hill May 7th. Mr. Morrow was a well known citizen having been a resident here for several years. Mr. J. M. H. Graham, the ex-representative, has returned from Nashville after aiding in Centennial work. Rev. Turner Parrish baptized fifteen converts at Bethlehem on May 9th. Quite a crowd went from this city. Mr. Carter the human snake, who is said to be second only to Craig, will perform in connection with Cobb and Owens, dancing and singing comedians of note. The Deacon, a drama of much laughter was re-acted at Fifth Ward church May 5th, under the auspices of Rev. A. O. Kenny. Mr. William Moore has returned home. A very interesting game of ball was played May 10th between Clarksville and Hopkinsville. The Clarksville brass band is preparing to give the public a rare entertainment. Mr. Ben Buck has superseded J. M. H. Graham as manager of the band. W. L. Johnson carries all the leading race papers.

Preparing for the Centennial.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.

Mrs. J. R. White, of 569 Iglehurt street, was appointed Lady Commissioner to the Nashville Centennial by Governor D. M. Clough to represent the Afro-Americans. Through her efforts and influence the State Legislature appropriated $500 to aid the colored people in making a creditable display. It will consist of photographs of the homes of the representative colored people. Interior views, groups of clubs, dramatic societies, exhibits of needle work and fancy work, in fact everything that will show the material social and artistic development of the colored people of the State of Minnesota. Prominent in this display will be oil paintings by J. R. White and china paintings by Miss Emma Porter. It is hoped that everything will be installed before the opening day of the Negro Building, May 20.

POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Ida B. Wells-Barnett's Woman's Club—Funeral of a Good Woman—Church and Personal Notes.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Olivet school, corner Twenty-seventh and Dearborn streets, was well attended, there being 250 present. There was $1.50 contributed for special purposes. The Sunday school children presented the church with gas illumination and fixtures. Total collection $7.15. At the morning service one person was baptized. In the evening the pastor, Rev. J. F. Thomas selected for the theme of his discourse, "Regeneration." He endeavored to express the process of regeneration, commencing with the first reception of heavenly truth from the word and advanced through all gradations of its growth, to the maturity of heavenly love and life. The audience was very large. Two united with the church. The members contributed $104.45. Table collection, $36.54; total, $140.99. The B. Y. P. Union was well attended. Our next leader, Mrs. J. F. Thomas. All are cordially invited to attend. The music entitled, "Abide with Me," was well rendered by Misses Mamie Seldom, Mary Churchill, Mattie Smith and Cordelia Rucker. Sunday, May 9th at 11 a. m., the funeral of Mrs. Sallie Edwards, formerly of Prince Edward, Va., was preached by Rev J. F. Thomas. She was a member of Olivet and departed triumphant in the faith. A flower praise is a unique musical entertainment to be given at Grace Presbyterian church next Thursday. Hon. George E. Taylor, editor of the Negro Solicitor, of Oskaloosa, Ia., was in the city last week, called here by the death of his sister. Miss Nina Turnly spent last Sunday in St. Louis. W. A. Clark has been appointed investigator in the corporation counsel's office, and H. A. Thompson, clerk at the Harrison Street police station. Both are colored Democrats. The Ida B. Wells-Barnett's Woman's club gave a grand May party at the Ninth Batalion Armory Monday night. James Odem and W. A. Harris, the two colored constables elected at the last election by the Democrats, are preparing to banquet the Colored Voters' Representative League. The League was instrumental in getting representation on the Democratic ticket.

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News in General.

Lafayette, Ind., Special.

The choir of the A. M. E. church rendered several beautiful selections Sunday night at their song service. The choir has some excellent voices. The members of the choir are as follows soporana, Miss Carrie Wilson, Ada Jones, Mrs. Mary Hoffman; alto, Miss Maggie Noah, Miss Grace Jones; tenor, Lewis Silence; bass, Milton Carter, Edward Manson. The Booker T. Washington Club held their last meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson. The rally was quite a success at the Second Baptist church Sunday. Rev. Cromwell has returned to his home in Crawfordsville. The banquet to be given by the Masons on the 19th will be quite a grand affair. Everyone anticipates a good time. The Sunday school of the Second Baptist church grows larger and more interesting each Sunday. Mrs. Gertie Moore is in the city. She expects to make Lafayette her home. Miss Laura Smith who was so badly injured in the railroad accident a few weeks ago, was removed from West Point to the city. Miss Smith is doing nicely. The musical talent of the city expect to give a recital in the near future. The Sunday school of the A. M. E. church is doing nicely and interest increases every Sunday under the instruction of their superintendent, Mr. Edward Manson. The school has good officers elected as a result of the recent election. Mr. Mason was elected superintendent, Mr. Milton Carter, secretary; teachers. Mr. Louis Silence, Mrs. Joseph Hoffman, Mr. Benj. Chambers and Miss Naomi McAllister, chorister Lewis Silence.

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ANNUAL TENT MEETINGS.

Political Pot Beginning to Boil—Citizens Suffer from a Bank Failure—Wedding in High Life.

Berkley, Va., Special.

William Thigpen has led to the matrimonial altar Miss Mary ——. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. S. Matthews, of the Christian church. May they live long and prosper. The annual tent meetings will be held in Richmond the latter part of the month. The delegates elected from this place are Miss Marthy McCoy and Victory Wilson from the Arnett tent, and Miss Georgie Brown from the Naomi tent. Mrs. Louviena Nash, the wife of our townsman, R. Nash, still remains very ill. Politics are warming up and the voice of the canvassers can be heard on all corners There are three tickets in the field. The regular Republican ticket is as follows: Supervisor, E. M. Tilley; magistrates, Rev. T. A. Wood and W. B. Tomell; constable, Constantine Cuffee; overseer, of poor, Ephraim Bowser. Rev. Jesse Jones and wife paid a visit to his wife's family in Nansemond county last week, where they spent a pleasant time. The failure of Burruss, Son & Co., in Norfolk, caught several of our people with their money on deposit there. Several had all the money they had saved in many years lost. The panorama of Uncle Tom's Cabin, given at the Sixth Street A. M. E. church Monday night last, was well patronized. The Odd Fellows realized the sum of $19 at their annual exercises on the first Sunday. Rev. S. E. Griggs preached to them on the principles of the order. Miss Mattie Morton is home after an extended visit to Baltimore. Also little Wilhelmine Robinson is home from New York. Decoration day will be properly observed on the 30th by the G. A. R. Rev. S. E. Griggs, B. D., was married Monday night last to Miss Mary Williams, of Portsmouth, Va. There were many useful presents. On their bridal tour they will visit Philadelphia, Washington and other cities. We extend congratulations. Miss Fannie Neal is still sick but some better. Alex. Owens, who fractured his leg some two weeks ago, is doing well St. James Sabbath school will have a rich program Children's day. The efficient superintendent, Miles Simmons, deserves much credit for his unceasing labor in behalf of this school. The new pastor, Rev. George Williams, of this church, is much beloved. Daniel Brown came from Brooklyn to attend the funeral of his father, but arrived too late. He returned Tuesday. The patrons of The Freeman who are behind in their payments, will please be prepared to settle when called upon, which will be soon.

Grand Odd Fellows' Celebration.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Edwin Murray, the 22-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Murray, died at Mobile, Ala., on April 26th. The parents passed through this city enroute to Corinth, where the funeral took place. The Mt. Salem M. E. church is pastored by Rev. S. H. Cannot, who is conducting a great revival. A great deal of interest is manifested in the meeting. The members of the Congregational church after having a sermon at 11 o'clock, partook of the Lord's supper. Rev. Harris, the pastor, is a valuable preacher. He is doing a grand work. The Odd Fellows of Meridian and East Mississippi united on Sunday, May 2d, to have their annual sermon preached. The services were held at Sam Jones' Tabernacle, situated near the New Hope Baptist church. They marched from their hall at 2:30 to the Tabernacle. There were in line 87 or more. Messrs. B. F. Adams, W. H. Deloach and Frank Hall were the marshals of the day. The choir was composed of the best singers of the leading churches; an orchestra composed of an organ, bass violin and cornet. A large crowd was present. New Hope Baptist church closed its doors and its congregation attended the services with the Odd Fellows. Capt. W. T. Foster made a short address, as did Mr. Hogan, of Columbus. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Watson. He held his hearers spell bound for about thirty minutes. After the sermon a collection of $9 was taken up. Miss Annie Crowder, of Columbus, has been visiting in Meridian. Mr. James, of Columbus, returned on the 2d. The mass meeting that was held at the St. Paul M. E. church on Wednesday night, April 28th, was well attended. Addresses were made by Revs. T. A. Jones, C. L Harris, J. C. Hibbler and Dr. J. W. Holmes. About $6 was raised. On the same night Rev. D. G. Griffin, pastor of Pilgrim Progress Baptist church, had a meeting to raise funds to help the flood sufferers in the Delta. Rev. Watson preached his farewell sermon on Sunday the 9th inst.

Personal Mention.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Rev. M. Vaun, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church left last week for the convention in South Carolina. He will be away from home about two weeks. Dr. Hoffmon is pastor in charge while Dr. Vann is away. Prof. D. W. Crawford's night school had its closing exercise Friday night May 7th and rendered an interesting program. The Freeman can be found Saturday at 707 Market street, Jno R. Acklin agent.

Notes of General Interest.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The Young Men's Christian Association held its meeting at 4 o'clock on last Sunday at Masonic Hall on George street near John. The meeting was very enthusiastic. Clifford Troy, chairman; Oliver Hatfield, secretary. The Maceo Lodge U. B. F.'s annual sermon was preached at Allen Temple on last Sunday afternoon. Miss Jennie Paxton of 1027 Green street, Covington, Ky., who has been very ill is up again. Grant S. Neal, traveling representative of The Freeman, who spent more than a week in the city left on the 11th for Toledo and other points in this state. Mr. Neal made many friends while here and they wish him much success. The Freeman can be found at Mr. John Fieldings barber shop 227 Longworth near Plum, also at 929 Mound street, H. Benj. Brooks agent.

We Need Specialization.

What we need more than anything else in the educational world is concentration of effort, or in other words, specialization. The tendency of education in the past has been to disseminate a diffused knowledge among the classes of children, without regard to their special fitness for any particular line, or the work they intend to do when they leave school. A great deal has been said in defense of this system on the ground that that mind is best developed which is educated in the broadest possible sense.. That intellect is best trained which besides the usual general smattering of knowledge has had itself concentrated, but upon one line of thought or work.

Great men, successful men are never those who have scattered their energies broadcast in every possible direction. The world is convinced only by persistent hammering. No idea can gain ground unless the advocate thereof sticks closely to his subject and absolutely refuses to deviate from his path. So in the industrial and educational world; no man can be a successful tradesman, agriculturalist, mechanic or artist, unless he chooses early in life the line of work to which he feels greatest drawn, and plans all his education that it may, while developing his mind in the broadest sense, show up the best and most intelligent light on his life vocation. The educational world of today is fully arousing itself to the fact it must keep pace with the exigencies of the present age. The old idea that students and tradesmen, mechanics and artists are separate and distinct classes of beings is worn out. We realize now that the successful man must be a well-educated man, with a definite, clear and comprehensive knowledge of his own work, and a generous insight into the entire field of thought.

This is essentially an age of specialists. The white man is a success because he devotes himself to one particular phase of work, after gaining his general knowledge, without attempting to cover the whole ground of any art or science. We need more Negro specialists. We have many good physicians, but how many eminent oculists, noted surgeons or famed neurologists? We have many farmers, but how many absolutely good landscape gardeners, or successful horticulturalists? We have a large number of good carpenters, but how many architects or draughtsmen? It is unwise to be too many things at once. When we realize the great importance of concentration, specialization and thorough study of one phase of work, we will have advanced centuries out of the old rut of archaic educational and industrial system.

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Thanksgiving Services.

Ellisville, Miss., Special.

Sunday, May 2d, was a grand day here. Quite a large crowd attended the Odd Fellows' sermon. The services were conducted by Revs. W. H. Coats and D. F. Dudley. The ladies of the A. M. E. church gave a supper for the benefit of the church last week, which was a grand success. Rev. W. H. Coats gave a rally Sunday and raised $29 65, which will pay the balance of indebtedness of the New A. M. E. church, which is about completed. Rev. James A. Davis, P. E. of the A. M. E church, will hold his quarterly meeting here next Sunday. Rev. J. B. Brown, of Laurel, preached an able sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday night. S. L. & R Brown was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jone last Sunday. Miss Mary Osburn, of Selma, Ala., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D Heslip. Willie Pickins is visiting his uncle and aunt. L. W. Rhodes has returned home from a visit to friends in Meridian. The ladies of the Baptist church gave an ice cream supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGowan. The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Simpson was made happy a few days ago: it is a girl. Mrs. J. J. Vanzant is visiting on the coast this week. We have three colored churches, four merchants, two barber shops, Masonic, K. of P. and Odd Fellows' lodges. Call on J C. Gates and get The Freeman every Saturday morning.

Sketch of W. T. Green, B. A., LL. B.

Under the heading, "Success of a Colored Lawyer," the Grand Rapids Democrat of May 7 last, pays a high compliment to the gentleman whose cut is here given. Mr. Green is an eminent lawyer, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and the best known member of the race in that state. He has been engaged in the practice of law at Milwaukee, Wis., for many years, and his strict business integrity and legal ability have won for him the admiration of the Bench and Bar of his own and many other states. He has recently been successful in obtaining the pardon of James Duke, a young white man from the Michigan State Prison by Governor Pingree. His plea before the Board of Pardons, it is said, has never been surpassed in the history of that body. He is the author of the Wisconsin Civil Rights Law, and secured its passage by the legislature in 1895.

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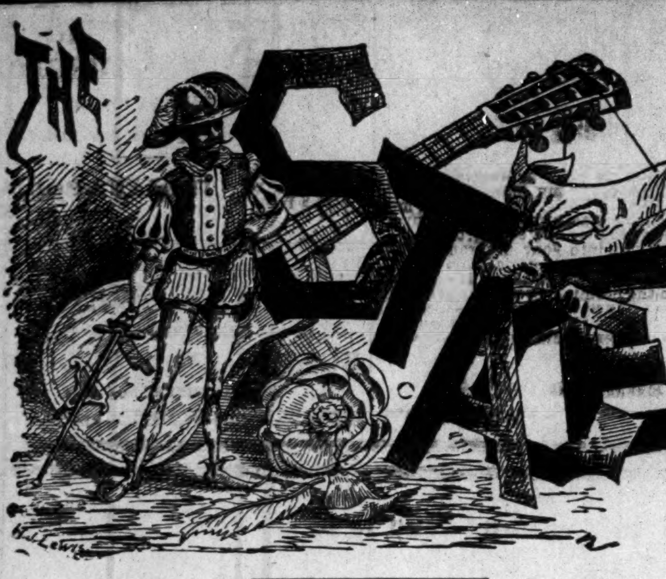

CLARENCE C. WHITE,
Violin Virtuoso, of Washington, D. C.

Clarence C. White, Washington's young violinist was born in Clarkesville, Tenn. Aug., 10, 1877 and at the death of his father (Dr. J. W. White) which occured one year later, he was taken to Oberlin, O., to his grandparents. He lived in Oberlin until he was 10 years of age, from there he went to Chattanooga, Tenn., where after a few years stay he moved with his mother and step-father, Dr. Wm. H. Conner, to Washington, D. C. Here Clarence studied the violin under such masters as Wm. M. Cook and Joseph Douglass. At the early age of 15, he composed and published a piece for the violin and piano, which he recently played in Chicago with great success. In the fall of 1896 he went back to Oberlin to enter the Conservatory of Music there, where he is now studying. In the season of 1895-6, Mr. White was violinist with the Howard University Mandoline and Guitar Club, which is claimed to be the finest of our race. In the same year he played first violin in Prof. Joseph Douglass' orchestra. Mr. White has now just returned from Chicago, where he gave a recital assisted by Chicago's best talent. His musical career has been marked with nothing but success. Mr. White's mother, Mrs. Jennie White-Conner, was at one time a teacher in the public schools at Indianapolis.

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The Farrells were at the Wonderland Theatre, Detroit, Mich., last week.

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Puggsley Bros. Tennessee Warblers are booked to appear at Oil City, Pa., May 13-15.

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Rachel Walker, prima donna, was at Hyde & Behman's Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., last week.

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Isham's "Octoroons" are filling the theatre at each performance in Brooklyn, N. Y., this week.

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The Eldriges, Billy and Jennie, were the "top liners" at Hyde & Behman's Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., last week.

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Black Patti Troubabours played to packed houses nightly during their engagement in Washington, D. C., last week.

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Hodges & Launchemere were the prime favorites on the vaudeville bill at the Theatre Francaise, Montreal, Can., week of April 26.

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"Honey Is Yer Gwine to Throw me Down" is the new song just issued by Geo. E. Schaller & Co., 132 Boylston street, Boston, Mass.

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Ernest Hogan, has closed his season with the Georgia Graduates, and is resting at Cripple Creek, Col., where he has a mining claim.

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The Millie Christine combination closed a successful two weeks engagement in Wilmington, Del., has opened at Atlantic City for the summer season.

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"Darkest America" is still playing to good business through Michigan; they are booked as follows: Owasso, Mich., May 11; Ionia 12; Grand Rapids 13-15

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"Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been revived in New York at the Star Theatre. It is a new version of the old play, with blood hounds and menagerie left out.

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Roster of the Nashville Students: P. T. Wright, mannager; Jessie Wilbur, business mannger; Mrs. Ida Lee Wright, treasurer; P. G. Lowery leader of band; E. O. Green, Dan Desdunes, leader of orchestra; Lash E. Gideon, M. McQuity, the Herdes, Jackson and Mable, Mrs. Anna Stuart, Gordon Collins, John Stuart. Mitchell Bros., Jess and Will, C. C. Hill, Miss Willie E. Lee and Stephen Hicks.

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The Imperial Jubilee Concert company under the management of Prof. L. A. Lucas are now playing in Cleveland, O., and are meeting with great success.

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Members of the Black Patti Troubadours were ordered to report at Proctor's Pleasure Palace, New York City, Wednesday May 12, by Managers Voelckel & Nolan.

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The "Black Trilby" company have entered, at Shelbyville, Tenn., recently a $20,000 damage suit against the N. C. & St. L. Railroad, for refusing to haul their palace car over its line.

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Billy and Miss Willie Farrell, cake walkers, volunteered their services for the benefit of the Theatrical Mechanics' Association, at Miner's Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York City. and made a good impression.

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Prof. L. A. Lucas deserves great credit for introducing to the public "Black Melba" as a soprano soloist one of the most artistic vocalists of our race, Mme. Verina Gilliam Lewis, formerly of Fisk Tennesseeans who has already now a place among the foremost ranks as a reader is also with the Imperial Concert Company.

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The Pittsburg Press in a recent issue said: "Miss Rachel Walker the well-known Cleveland prima donna, greatly delighted the critical audiences which greeted her at the Avenue theater last week. Her voice is a marvel and has placed Miss Walker in an enviable position with the great singers of the century. She made a decided hit, though colored, in Pittsburg's exclusive Avenue theater, despite the Avenue stock company's protest against employing colored talent"

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Isham's Octoroons, headed by Mme. Flower and Fred J. Piper, were the attraction at Howard Athenaeum, week of 26. The show opens with the sketch, mirthful and musical, "The Blackville Derby." In the olio Madah Hyer, the Mallory Bros., Gavotte Ensemble, terpsichorean novelties; Grundy and Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh, Ed. B. and Rolla White, Maud McIntyre, M. C. Drew, Margaret Rosa, John Hawley, Maud Madison, and other well known people on the variety stage. The show closes with Fred J. Piper's skit, named "Thirty Minutes Around the Operas."

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Blind Boone was born in Missouri, Miami, Saline county, in the Federal camp, in 1863, 7th Militia Company I, his mother being a contraband, cooking for the soldiers. He lost his sight with the brain fever, when six months old. His first instrument was a tin whistle, on which he could play any ordinary air after once hearing it. Next he was presented with a mouth organ, by which he charmed the neighborhood, children coming from far and near to hear him exhibit on his mouth organ. He soon became the favorite of all who knew him, and visited the best families in Warrensburg, where he makes his home at present. They formed such an attachment for Boone that he was sent to the St. Louis Blind School to learn a trade, and educate him. This was a failure, however. Once hearing a pupil in the institute practicing on the piano, he would leave his work and steal to the piano, as it was impossible to keep his fingers off the keyboard. He soon became able to finger out several pieces, and it was impossible to keep his mind on anything else. He was dismissed from the school and wandered around St. Louis, making his living by playing on a mouth organ, and such instuments as he could get his hands on. Conductor A. J Kerry, seeing the pitiful condition of the boy, put him on the train and sent him to his mother. He soon organized a little company and started on the road, tramping and beating his way from town to town. His company consisted of a player on each, a tambourine, triangle, and mouth organ, by which they gave concerts on the streets. He was not successful, however, and he endured many hardships. A colored gentleman, Mr. John Lange, of Columbia, Mo., taking a liking to him, put him in the Sunday school to play for the children. He also made a contract with his mother to educate him in music and put him on the road, and he has made a grand success of it. Boone has been on the road, some sixteen years, and has been successful in pleasing his audience.

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62	Can Love Be Right?	M. C. Cuttle
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46	Dream Faces	W. M. Hutchison
61	Douglas! Tender and True	Lady John Scott
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44	Forget, Forgive	Milton Wellings
70	Girl I Met On the Farm, The	Jno. Read
92	Golden Years Are Fleeting	Louis Diehl
33	Has Your Heart Grown Cold?	Ernest Vane
65	He Is An Englishman	Sir Arthur Sullivan
7	Hour of Rest, The	Joseph L. Roeckel
94	How Will He Ever Catch Them? Comic,	W. Taubert
69	Happy Little Country Girls	Elizabeth Philp
17	I'm Looking For the Owner, Comic	R. P. Collins
25	It Seems To Me	Sidney Jones
16	I Want To See Mother Once More	A. T. Harms
89	I Whistle and Wait for Katie	Michael Nolan
71	I'll Meet Her When the Sun Goes Down,	Wm. Welsh
24	Jimmy On the Chute	Harry Greenbank
20	Kiss the Little Ones For Me	Herbert Stanley
66	Kate, Poor Kate, Comic	Kate Royle
55	Let Music Break on that Blest Morn, Christmas Carol	
31	Little Coquette	Alfred G. Scott
90	Little Fisher-Maiden	Ludolf Waldmann
72	Love That Slumbers	Milton Wellings
96	Little Annie Rooney	Michael Nolan
1	Longing	W. L. Mason
54	Little Buttercup's Song	Sir Arthur Sullivan
26	Love's Dream, Waltz Song	Harry Desmond
56	Love's Soft Greeting	N. L. Gilbert
4	Man that Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo,	Gilbert
32	My Own Little Sweetheart	Harry Osmond
87	Many Years Ago	Sir Arthur Sullivan
28	My Rosebud and Me	Alfred Yorkie
82	Mary and John	Oswald Stoll
91	My Sweet Jessie	Charles W. Pearce
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12	Norah	A. Saqui
9	Old Folks at Home	S. C. Foster
42	Only Love Can Tell	Berthold Tours
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19	Private Tommy Atkins	S. Potter
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34	Roses Fair are Dreaming	George L. Jameson
36	Shop Girls of New York, The	Charles E. Pratt
73	Speak to Me	Fabio Campana
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88	Will Your Heart Respond to Mine?	A. D. Duvivier
83	When Soft Eyes Smile	Joseph L. Roeckel
77	When Twilight Gathers In	J. L. Molloy

INSTRUMENTAL.

NO.	Title	Composer
23	A Gaiety Girl, Waltz	Charles E. Pratt
53	American Guard March, Two-Step	Chas. E. Pratt
14	Chrystenah, Schottische Caprice	Chas. E. Pratt
3	Columbus Waltz	E. St. John
52	Echoes of Love, Nocturne	B. Wolff
45	Ella Schottische	Frank Livingston
100	Fond Hearts Must Part	Gustav Lange
37	Gismonda, Two-Step March	Arthur M. Cohen
47	Harvest Moon, Reverie	Carl Eckert
35	Heart of Ruby, Waltz	Carl Eckert
27	In Meadows Green	Carl Eckert
39	Loretta, Gavotte	Charles E. Pratt
81	Maiden's Dream, The, Mazourka	M. B. Foster
99	March	Mozart
64	My Native Home March	C. Hauschild
75	My Best Girl, March	Gustav Lange
50	Oberon, Fantasie	Leduc
18	On the Bayou, African Dance	Arthur M. Cohen
58	Our Pretty Girls, Rondo Galop	L. Streabbog
98	Songs Without Words	Mendelssohn
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Mrs. Lula Jordan and Mrs. J. M. Gentry, of Pulaski, are here superintending the work of putting up the Giles county exhibit in the Negro building. The Giles county Negroes have a most excellent exhibit. Chief among the various kinds of work exhibited is a stone window made by Jones, Smith & Son, Pulaski. The window is arched and on it is carved fancy designs. Lewis Young, a colored undertaker of Pulaski, exhibits a child's coffin made by him, and Wm. Meredith, the colored floaist of that city, has sent a large quantity of pretty flowers. A chair made in 1747 is exhibited. These are just a few of the many exhibits made by the Giles county Negroes

The exhibit made by the Negroes of Shelby county is completed. It is upstairs in the Negro building. The exhibit is made principally by the Negro women of Memphis. Specimens of their embroidery work, paintings, crayon sketches, stitch work, hats and many other things are in the display. Among the specimens of embroidery is a Japanese lily done by Mrs. Edgar S. Goens, of Memphis. Two books written by James T. Franklin, of Memphis, are displayed. Among the crayon sketches is work done by Mrs. M. R. Hall, of Memphis. The general excellence of the exhibit is apparent at first sight.

The Negro schools of Hamilton county have an excellent exhibit, which is being installed upstairs. The exhitbit of one of the schools is already up, and is shows fine work and discipline among the pupils. Specimens of work done by pupils in rhetoric, algebra, arithmetic, geology, geometry, drawing, physiology and other studies are displayed. Among the drawings are a map of the United States and a map of Tennessee. Work in several of the various grades is shown.

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Alton, Ill., Special.

Rev. B. F. Ratliff, the minister of the First Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon last week to a very large congregation. W. H. Joiner has resumed his position at the glass works, after a two weeks attack of la grippe. The literary of the Union Baptist church was largely attended last Thursday evening. The Merry Volunteer Dancing Club gave their closing ball of the season last Friday evening, at their hall on Fourth and State streets. About 25 couple tripped the light fantistic until late. The Lovejoy monument has reached the height of nearly 100 feet. They expect to complete it by the 1st of next month. Hunter's Republican club met last Wednesday evening.

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BRYAN'S PAPER.

The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr. George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

"For several years I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I grew worse gradually until, July 1895, I was suddenly attacked with increased pain and soreness over the pit of my stomach and sharp pains in my right side which rapidly increased until I could scarcely get my breath. A physician was called for immediate relief and hypodermic injections of morphine were resorted to for relief. I was able to be out in about a week but had a second attack the following August, more intense than before. I was reduced from 156 to 134 lbs. in nine days and left wholly unable to take any nourishment. I lived on lime water and a very little milk for several days after. For one year I carried morphine pellets in my pockets ready for an emergency. All this time my stomach was sore and very sensitive. I discovered that what would agree with my stomach this week would probably not next week and that I was getting nearer and nearer to a final collapse. I consulted 3 of the best physicians in the state and two agreed fully as to my ailment but failed to give me relief. Having utterly failed to obtain relief, I finally made arrangements to go to Chicago to be treated when my little boy chanced to get a sample package of Dr. Kay's Renovator which he brought to me. I was induced to try it, not having the least faith in its virtues. I thought the sample relieved me and I purchased a 25 cent box. Before it was all used I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I then used one package of the large Dr. Kay's Renovator and one more of the small size. It is eight months since I commenced using Dr Kay's Renovator and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Geo W. Hervy, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 1897. Dr. Kay's Renovator is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and $1. Booklet free Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Sold by H. C. Pomeroy, opp. post office.

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The Fair held at Zion Baptist church last week, under the auspices of the Ladies' Progressive Benefit society, for the benefit of the Old Peoples' Home, was an unbounded success. Mrs. D. W. Williams, of College Hill, is entertaining Miss Mary F. Ward, of Walnut Hill. The marriage of Harry E. Williams and Miss Fannie Stepp was witnessed by a few friends at the pastor's residence, Walnut Hills, Friday evening, April 30th, Rev. Rollins officiating. The Maceo Lodge No. 15 U. B. F., gave a musical and literary entertainment on the 12th inst., at Thomas' Post G. A. R. hall, W. Sixth street, at which time Rev J. M. Townsend, D. D., repeated his lecture on Gen. Antonio Maceo, of Cuba. St. Andrews Episcopal Mission held services on last Sunday at their church, corner Eighth and Walnut streets, with large attendance, Rev. Alexander McGuire pastor. The entertainment given by the Antioch Baptist church at Garnet K. of P. Hall, was a grand success. The Union Baptist church begun their May Fair on the 12th inst. Zion Baptist church will begin their May Fair 17th, lasting one week, and will render a musical and literary program each night, which promises to be a grand affair The Odd Fellows' anniversary held last Sunday at their Armory hall, was largely attended, notwithstanding the inclement weather. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson and Misses Lottie and Marie Harris took a flying trip to Columbus, O., on last Sunday. Henry Turner, of Cummingsville, a prominent member of the Knight Templars, died the 2d inst. The Re-organization of the Y. M. C. A. took place at Masonic Temple last Sunday at 3 o'clock on George street. Grant S. Neal, representative of The Freeman, is in the city and the guest of Mrs. John F. Moreland. The Wandering Boys' and Girls' social club met on the 29th ult., and elected the following officers: A. G. Smith, presdent; Miss. B. Ballard, vice-president; Miss Emma Smother, secretary; A. B. Ewing, chaplain; Lee Franciscoe, critic; C. H. Hunter, attorney; Mrs. George Bullet, treasurer: W. A. Cook, sergeant-at-arms.

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The Epworth League held a mass meeting at Simpson Chapel last Thursday evening.

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The Sisters of Charity's annual sermon will be held at Corinthian church the 4th Sunday in May.

The Senior and Junior choirs of Blackford street church gave a variety social last Tuesday evening.

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Communion services were held at New Bethel Baptist church, Rev. N. A. Seymour pastor, last Sunday night.

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The Booker T. Washington Literary Club of Irvington, presented a fine program at their session on last Tuesday night.

The opera "Mikado' presented at the Ninth Presbyterian church on last Wednesday and Thursday evenings was a brilliant affair.

Rev. Charles Williams of South Calvary Baptist church is invited to preach the annual sermon for the U. B. F's. and S. M. T's. at Tomlinson Hall tomorrow at 3 p. m.

The Bible Society of New Bethel Baptist church met at the residence of Mrs. Lucy Price in Alvord street last Tuesday evening.

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Chas. H. Stewart, who was in readiness to start for the Nashville Exposition, where he will represent The Indianapolis Freeman, took suddenly ill last Friday. He will leave for his post of duty as soon as he recovers.

Quarterly meeting services will be held at Simpson Chapel to-morrow. Rev. E. L. Gilliam, P. E., of the Indianapolis District, will officiate. Rev. A. L. Murray of Allen Chapel will preach the sacramental sermon in the afternoon.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Wm. Spearman and Catherine Hardy were recently married.

Hardy Bazel of Duluth, Minn., is visiting relatives in this city.

There will be a social given at the residence of Mrs. English, 39 Hosbrook May 20.

Chas. H. Taylor and Miss Mary Galloway were united in marriage by Dr. Carr last week.

Mrs. Gould of Anderson, was the guest of relatives and friends in the city recently.

A social was given at the home of Mrs. Nancy Tucker, East Eighteenth street last night.

Chas. Bass of the Bates tonsorial department, attended the G. A. R. Encampment at Richmond this week.

W. H. Taylor, formerly employed in W. E. Given's tonsorial parlors on the South-side, leaves Monday for Chicago.

Tom Weber of the Denison barber shop, was a visitor in Louisville, Ky., this week, attending the Kentucky Derby.

Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Morgan were at home to a few of their friends in West Fifteenth street Thursday evening of last week.

Blind Boone, Mrs. E. L. Boone, Miss Stella May and John Lange were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Knox while in the city.

William Roundtree, who has been attending the bedside of his mother, left Wednesday for his home in Milwaukee, Wis.

Miss Gertrude Mahorney gave a small party last Saturday evening in honor of a few friends at her pretty home in West Second street.

The East End Boquet Circle met at Mrs. Ellen Lightfoot's, 232 West Michigan street last week. This circle is making commendable intellectual and social progress.

The Orinoco Circle of the Second Baptist church met at Mrs. Cora Skillman's, 240 Huron street. Literary genius was discussed with interest. The circle was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Williams of Crawfordsville will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary May 18. They have a number of friends in this city who will attend the reception.

Arrivals at the Herrington House: Dr. G. W. Chivis, Chicago, Ill.; Charlie Allen and wife, Philadelphia, Pa., James Collins and wife, Anderson; Henry Bottoms, and John H. Croons, city.

Herman Cole and Madam Sylvester, world wide renown musical people are in the city. They will be heard for the first time in the coming great Musical Festival to be held at Bethel church, June 22-23.

The Ladies Boquet Circle met at Miss Katie Gant's, 172 West First street, Wednesday evening, May 5. A number of visitors were present. L. S. Johnson opened a discussion on "Woman and What She is Doing."

Joseph Eubanks and Mrs. Rosa M. Gann were married at the residence of the bride's parents in West Tenth street, Thursday April 29. Friends of the couple attended. Rev. Geo. W. Hudson officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farrow, of Dayton, O., accompanied by their children, are guests of Mrs. Hattie Jones and Lawyer J. T. V. Hill, brother and sister of Mrs. Farrow. Mr. Farrow is an employe in the postoffice of that city.

Prof. Chas. F. D Maxwell, A. M., principal of the city schools in Charlestown, and who is now attending the State University at Bloomington, was a guest of Geo. G. Simmons of The Freeman last Sunday. Prof. Maxwell is one of the leading educators of Southern Indiana.

The Devil's Building.

Every person should read the little book, tittled "The Devil's Building," author, Jarrett Smith. These books can be found at 20 North Illinois street and at 3 North Meridian street.

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It is earnestly hoped that the young lady will not be so indiscreet again. Society cares not for one's whims and foibles. If you have an agrievance, if your best beau tells you "There are others," or if your laundress fails to return your dainty little $3.99 kerchief, yea, we beseech thee to take all such troubles to your parson, or better still, to the weekly prayer meeting. Do not mar the pleasure of others by uncouth, rude manners.

Pastors should be careful that they do not insult their congregations from the pulpit. We all view things through our own spectacles.

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Blind Boone Concert.

Blind Boone, the well-known accomplished pianist, opened a series of entertainments in this city at the Second Baptist church Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. Each evening the audience was not what it should have been. Boone never fails to entertain his audience. As a pianist, he is a wonder.

At Allen Chapel last Monday night the Blind Boone Concert Co. was greeted with a large, appreciative audience, every available nook being filled, and many turned from the doors. With his soft, magnetic touch on the piano, the audience at once becomes spell-bound, and thus he held them throughout the evening. His voice is deep, rich and volumnious—in all he is a phenomena. Due praise must be given the petite, graceful Stella May, with her sweet angelic voice, and elegant stage manner, with which she captivated the entire audience. Rev. A. L. Murray never does things by halfs, and to him is largely due the success of the season at that church.

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Colored Women to Meet.

The National Association of Colored Women will hold its annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn., beginning Wednesday Sept. 15th and continuing through the 17th. Each club connected with the association is expected to send at least one delegate.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Worship at 11 a. m. The Sunday school is still increasing in number and interest. Quite a number of visitors from Cincinnati were present. There will be a rally at 2:30 to-morrow.

The Sunday school and church will picnic at Bethany Park June 21. Governor Mount [illegible] an address at the park.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Blackshear preached two excellent sermons last Sunday. The Elder is gaining in popularity, and his sermons are plain and instructive.

Revival services are being held in the church, and several have already been converted. You are especially invited to service to-morrow at 11 a. m.

A large number were present at the Sunday school last Sunday morning.

Ministerial Association.

The Inter-Denominational Ministerial Association, of Indianapolis, met at Corinthian Baptist church May 6, with the following pastors present: Revs. D. A. Graham, Murray, Kennedy, Collins, Farrell, Wakefield, Blackshear, Christy, Irvin, Sanders and Sissle. The association was called to order by the chairman, Rev. D. A. Graham. "More Love to Thee O Christ," was sung and a fervent prayer was offered by Rev. Kennedy; after which the first Psalm was read by the chairman. Dr. L. M. Hagood being changed by Conference appointment to Covington, Ky., Geo. A. Sissle, his successor, was elected secretary. After some brief preliminary business, the order of the day was taken up.

Rev. Blackshear who had been assigned for a paper presented the subject "Science and Christian Faith." The scope of the paper was broad and far-reaching, showing much study and research. The subject was fully discussed by the essayist. After commendation from the brethren, the paper was ordered published in The Freeman. Rev. L. Christy was appointed to read a paper at our next meeting.

The association was favored with the presence of Rev. Jackson, pastor of the Baptist church of Richmond, Ind. The next meeting of the association will be held in Blackford street A. M. E. Z. church on the first Thursday in June at 10 a. m. Benediction by Rev. Jackson, Geo. A. Sissle, secretary.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The five o'clock prayer meeting was well attended last Sabbath, and the Tuesday night prayer meeting is almost equal to Sunday service.

The Ladies Excelsior Circle was organized with a membership of 150 ladies which will meet every Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Men's Puritan Social Club was organized Wednesday evening with fifty-five members. They will discuss religious, intellectual and social questions, and will meet Friday evenings.

Services were well attended last Sabbath. One addition. Collection $50.65. Special sermon next Sunday at 11 a m. Subject at 8 p. m. "The True Token."

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Services throughout the Sabbath were largely attended.

Quite a number of Chapelites attended service at Bethel Sunday afternoon.

John T. Williams, secretary of the steward's board is the right man in the right place, and deserves much credit for his excellent work.

Miss Lucinda Logan presented Rev. Murray with a beautiful rug for his study.

Mrs. Mary Bradshaw rendered a beautiful solo at Missionary exercises Sunday afternoon.

The paper by John Smith Sunday afternoon on "Self-support" was excellent and highly appreciated by all. Such men as Mr. Smith is much needed in our church.

Miss Mamie White, secretary of Sunday-school is faithfully discharging her duty, never being absent except when indisposed.

The work of remodeling the church will begin in a few days. Next Sunday Rev. Murray will announce plans by which we are to raise $1,000 by the second or third Sunday in July.

By special request Rev. Murray will deliver a sermon upon the "Character of Jezebel" next Sunday evening.

Fifteen or more students of the Blind Institute were present to greet Boone. They were highly pleased with the concert.

There were 205 complimentary tickets given away by the pastor and Concert Company; yet over $105. worth of tickets were sold at the door, and some ticket sellers, yet to be heard from.

The pastor and members of the chorus wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage of the concert. It is now demonstrated that 25 cts. admission is no barrier to a crowded house. Especially do we desire to mention the kindness of the Freeman and Church Directory as mediums of advertisments. Seek them if you wish the public to know what you are doing or going to do.

BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES.

Quarterly meeting last Sunday was largely attended and a spiritual feast was enjoyed from the opening on Friday night to the closing Monday night. Four persons united with the church. The total receipts were $157.82.

All the talk now is the Bazaar which opens the 18th with the Cinnematograph.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach the seventh sermon on the Lords Prayer.

Those "Living Pictures"

To be shown at Bethel church on the opening night of the Inter State Bazaar are not the cheap affairs seen at Tomlinson's Hall and on the street. We have the same machine that exhibited at the Park Theatre and the Grand Opera House, and we give you a whole evening's entertainment with this wonderful exhibition. One ticket costing 25 cents admits you the whole week. No wonder there is such a demand for tickets. The Bazaar will last two weeks, and splendid programs are arranged for both weeks.

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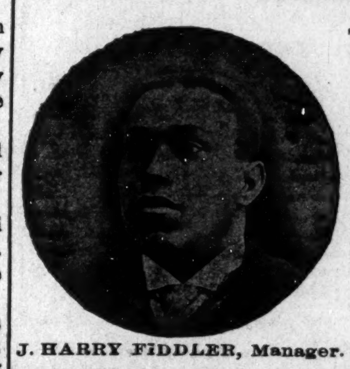

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